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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE BREZHNEV VISIT TO FRANCE

1. FRENCH PRESS SPECULATING THAT BREZHNEV PLANNING TO VISIT GISCARD D'ESTAING IN NEAR FUTURE. ASKED TO COMMENT ON PRESS REPORTS, SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR STOUPICHINE TOLD US SEPTEMBER 11 THAT SUBJECT NOT YET DISCUSSED BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS. HE SAID HOWEVER THAT IT IS BREZHNEV'S TURN TO VISIT PARIS, AND THAT DISCUSSIONS ABOUT SPECIFICS WILL BEGIN SOON. THIS CONFIRMED BY ELYSEE DIPLOMATIC COUNSELOR ROBIN SEPTEMBER 12.

2. COMMENT: GISCARD NOT LIKELY TO ACCEPT ANY BILATERAL ENCOUNTERS OUTSIDE THE EEC CONTEXT PRIOR TO EC-NINE SUMMIT MEETING WHICH HE HOPES TO CONVENE IN PARIS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. BREZHNEV VISIT NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR THEREFORE BEFORE EARLY 1975. CURRENT VISIT TO MOSCOW OF FRENCH EXTERNAL COMMERCE STATE SECRETARY SEGARD PROVIDES GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS THIS SUBJECT.
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